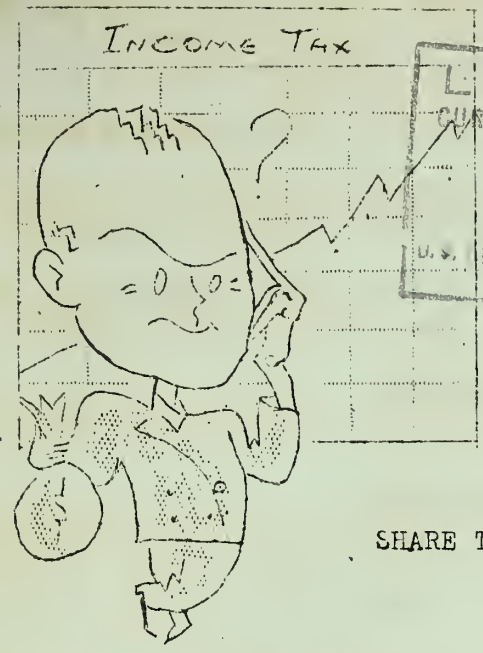


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TALENT SHOW Friday March 11th. Seventeen talented amateur musicians will compete for three cash prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$5.00 in Agriculture Departments Jefferson Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. on March 11th.

Violinists, singers, guitarists, singers, tap dancers, singers, pianists, and singers will be on the program.

Eight of the contestants are employed in Agriculture agencies and two are children of Agriculture employees. From other government agencies there is one contestant each, from Dept. of Army, Bur. of Standards, FMA, Post Office Dept., and Library of Congress.

Youngest contestant will be eleven year old Carol Helmholtz, daughter of G. H. Helmholtz, in REA. Others from Agriculture Dept. include: Dolores Cordell, Soprano from FHA, Inge Deinzer, Mezzo-Soprano from RMA, Mary McCausland, Soprano from BAE, Donovan S. Correll, Baritone, from BPI, Lois Marks, Soprano from FMA, Lemuel Gilmore, Baritone from Office of Solicitor, William Dotson, Tenor from BPI, Helen Koehne, violinist, from Extension Service, and Mary Sakadeles, Blues Singer from BAI, also Miss Betty Jean Mason, Lyric Soprano, is the daughter of Mary Mason of REA.

The show is being presented by the Agriculture Choristers as a means of raising funds to meet their expenses for music and leadership. Tickets are 90¢ including 15¢ tax, and are available from the members of the Choristers, the contestants and from the Employee Activities Office, Room 1011-S.

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DANCE CLUB - 76 attended and enjoyed a Valentine's Dance on Feb. 16. Plans are complete for St. Patrick's Dance on March 16, at Bellevue Hotel 15 E St., NW.

Plans going forward for election of officers for the 1949 seasons. Ballots will be distributed to members during the week of March 7 and should be returned to Miss Toni DeFelice, Personnel, Room 341-W not later than March 14, so that the results may be announced at the St. Patrick's Dance on March 16.

Guest tickets for the dance may be obtained from Miss DeFelice, Mr. Cunningham 1011-S, or Jack Anderson 2245-S.

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The AGRICULTURE PLAYERS group is being reactivated this spring under the auspices of the Employee Activities program of the Welfare Association with the advice and assistance of professional theatre people.

For May production, the playreading committee has selected a new script by George Copeland and George Garrett - The Public Bosom, a delightful comedy about a "big" business man's attempt at reorganization of bureaucratic government.

Rehearsals will get under way shortly under the direction of Barbara Dirks, and Scenery and lighting will be under the supervision of Mike Curry.

Tryouts will be held the week of March 14th., anyone interested in either acting or stagecraft is urged to make application in the Employee Activities Office, Room 1011-S, soon as possible.

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REPORTS ON MARCH 4 SHOW THAT THE RED CROSS DRIVE AMONGST AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEES HAD ALREADY ATTAINED 82% OF THE GOAL.

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ROUND THE WORLD FROM 1405 - A combined ticket office representing seven air lines opened on Feb. 16th in room 1405 of the South Agriculture building. The airlines representative can make reservations for you, and also sell you a ticket to Cathay or Samorkand if your reservation is cleared. And it doesn't matter whether you want to go for business or pleasure just name your destination and the airlines clerk unrolls the magic carpet.

The Central Passenger Transportation Service at Room 1405 as furnished by the Office of Plant and Operations was abolished in mid-February, and the work involved in arrangements for official travel was decentralized again to Bureaus and agency levels.

However, according to a P & O memorandum, one member of the Travel office Mrs. Dietrick, will still be available as a consultant on itinerary problems, and she will maintain passenger tariff files and furnish rate information to the extent of her ability to handle the load.

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CAMERA CLUB Meeting for March has been postponed for one week, from the 11th to the 18th. The CLUB meets at 7:45 p.m. in Room 5041-South Bldg. Guest speaker on the 18th will be Mr. Harmon of ANSCO. He will present an illustrated lecture on the "Simplicity of Color". A showing of members' Kodachrome and Black and White photos will follow the lecture. Awards will be posted according to the vote of the members. Helen Koehne, x6076 is the CLUB Secretary.

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O.F.A.R. CLUB held its first social evening of "Organized Fellowship And Recreation" on Fri. Feb. 25th at the home of Miss Thelma Divver, on Farragut St., N.W. About 70 people attended. Bingo and Dancing were among the main events of the evening.

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RED CROSS DRIVE - The snappy red and green charts prepared by the Employee Relations Unit in the Office of Personnel under the supervision of Joseph E. Ragan, proudly displayed the fact, last Friday, that the Agriculture Department had reached 82% of its goal in the first four days of the campaign. Under-Secretary Albert J. Loveland is Chairman for the Agriculture Department while his boss, Secretary Charles F. Brannan, has the assignment of Red Cross Chairman for the entire Washington government unit. With such an effective beginning, it is now being predicted that the next report on March 11th will find the Agriculture employees surpassing the quota which has been set for the Department.

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SQUARE DANCING FANS will be interested to know that the Beltsville Employees Association has another Square Dance Party planned at the Beltsville Log Lodge on Friday evening, March 18th. Also, for the folks who want a chance to brush up on their square and folk dance techniques, there is a weekly session at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Auditorium of the South Building. Herschel Hadley is the leader of this group which is now engaged in testing out a collection of square and folk dance records recently purchased for use in this activity. Any new members wishing to join the class, can have further details by calling Mr. Hadley on Ext. 4214.

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Have you discovered the suggestion boxes recently installed near the entrances to the cafeterias? Nearly everyone has a suggestion worth hearing about the cafeterias at one time or another. The first step in getting a suggestion acted upon is, of course, to write it down and put it in the box. Why not give this a try and see what happens.

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TONS OF TONIC for Lawns and Gardens in the form of several kinds of commercial fertilizer and lime will be purchased this month in response to a plan worked-out by the AERA Group Purchasing Committee. Orders sent in through the group purchasing representatives from each club will be combined into ton and truck-load lots which will be delivered to the committees' warehouse within a few blocks of the Agriculture Department.

#### RIDES WANTED

Mrs. Jackson, x5960, 2018 Perry St. NE (Near 20th & S. Dakota Ave.)  
C. Underwood, x2184 - Conn Ave. & Legation St., N.W.  
Mrs. Helen Ball, x6334 - 12th & Michigan N.E.  
Lucille Hedges, x4281, 22d & Otis St. NE  
Ethel E. Terry, x5901, 86 Forrester St. S.W.  
Irma P. Bowman, x2533 - 1116 - 21st NE  
Willia Green, x6313 - 1116 - 21st St. NE

#### RIDERS WANTED

Mrs. Rodriguez, x3000-1201 N. Fillmore St. Arlington, Va.

#### ROTATORS WANTED

Ho. O. Warlick, 6421 N. Washington Elvd. Arlington, Va. ( $\frac{1}{2}$  miles fr Falls Church)  
H. E. Marshall, x3748, Riggs Manor Apts. Riggs & Ager Rds, Hyattsville, Md.

#### ROTATORS OR RIDERS WANTED

Mr. Littlehales, x3707, Suitland Manor, Md.  
A. C. Hutchinson, x4815, 6237 N. 18th St., Arlington, Va.

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U. S. D. A. Riding Club - By-laws which were adopted March 2, call for Annual membership fee of \$2.00. New candidates are invited to attend three rides with the club before applying for membership.

For further information on weekly rides call Marjorie Sonnabend, Membership Secretary, x5923 or Jack Anderson, Pres. x5676.

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#### NOTICE

Alumni of Sigma Alpha Epsilon please call John Asher, x2734, re Founders Day Dinner, March 9. One of many celebrities attending will be Secretary Brannan.

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WANTA BUYA DUCK? W. N. Starkey, x5109 is searching for a couple of rare bulletins: Ag. Tech. Bull. 634 "Food of Game Ducks in U. S. & Canada", and bull. 643 "Food Habits of N. American Diving Ducks", is one of these hiding in your file somewhere?

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GRADUATE SCHOOL Spring Lecture Series - (6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays) on Economic Recovery and World Politics.

March 9 Econ. Development of Latin America  
March 30 Econ. Outlook in Asia & Far East  
Apr. 13 Soviet Policies and World Recovery

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GOLF LESSONS - for groups of 10 or more people were highly popular in both Spring and Fall of last year. If there are still some people who believe a few lessons in golf fundamentals would do them no harm, another lesson series will be set up in the near future. If you want to be considered for such classes this Spring just write the words GOLF LESSONS on a card together with your name, the initials of the agency where you work, room number and telephone number, and drop in a chain mail envelope addressed to Employee Activities, Welfare Association, Room 1011-S.

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TO REA - You will 14 on the 11th

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